Washington, DC – On Monday, Congressman Steve Israel (D - Huntington) released the following statement on the upcoming vote on the Budget Control Act of 2011.

"I am voting yes because default is not an option. Now we will continue to hold House Republicans accountable for their failure to create jobs and their attempts to end Medicare. We relish the opportunity to fight them hard over their out-of-touch support for corporate tax loopholes and Big Oil subsidies. That is where the battle shifts. House Democrats will continue fighting for the middle class."